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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM
 THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.**

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 173-196 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 173-196 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 4/12/04 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because as noted below in paragraph 4.
2. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.
3. It is noted that the original restriction was mistakenly made under PCT rules, but the same grouping of claims are restrictable under US practice as outlined below.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 14-20, drawn to a method for manufacturing.
- II. Claims 35-46, drawn to a method for introducing a capability or modifying an existing predetermined capability of a series of media samples.
- III. Claims 47-106, drawn to a method of configuring on demand a series of media.
- IV. Claims 107-125, drawn to a method of manufacturing media laminated on a carrier.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Groups I, II, III, and IV are distinct method combinations. Each group relies on different elements for patentability not required by the other. Group I requires moving a plurality of media samples along a path and printing information on them and then attaching a value-adding device. These combined features are not required of the other groups. Group II requires providing a series of media samples and introducing a capability or modifying an existing predetermined capability to the media samples of responding to a wireless interrogation signal or electromagnetic field. These combined features are not required of the other groups. Group III requires moving a series of media and on demand associating a value adding element to select media. These combined features are not required of the other groups. Group IV requires moving a series of media laminated on a carrier, delaminating the media to expose an adhesive back surface and applying a value adding element to the adhesive back surface of the media samples. These combined features are not required of the other groups.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and each group requires a search not required of the other groups, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. It is noted that newly added claims 173-196 are not readable on the elected invention (Group IV, claims 107-125) because the patentability of the claims is based on

the requirement that there be on-demand printing of a conductive antenna on the media samples and on-demand application of an RFID system component to the media samples; neither of which is required of the elected invention (Group IV). Furthermore claims 173-196 are not directed to moving a series of media laminated on a carrier, delaminating the media to expose and adhesive back surface and applying a value adding element to the adhesive back surface of the media samples as required of the elected invention (Group IV, claims 107-125).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **John T. Haran** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1217**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (8 - 5) and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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